Creation of integrated internal market

†1280. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the actions being taken to create an integrated internal market by bringing uniformity in Agricultural Produce Marketing Act throughout the country;

(b) the names of the States agreed and disagreed for it;

(c) the matters for which action to being uniformity has been taken by this amendment; and

(d) the details of the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) Under the respective Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) Acts, the State Governments are empowered to set up markets on agricultural commodities in notified areas. The farmer is restricted from entering into direct contract with any manufacturers as the produce is regulated to be canalized through licensed traders, and regulated markets. These restrictions have been found to be acting as disincentive to farmers, trade and industry. The development of alternative competitive market would provide freedom to farmers to sell their produce in the markets providing better prices/services. With a view to remove these constraints and to create an integrated internal market by bringing uniformity in APMC Act, the Ministry of Agriculture has formulated a Model Law namely "Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2003" and circulated to all States/Union Territories for bringing changes in their respective laws dealing with agricultural markets. Since agriculture marketing is a State subject, it is for the State Governments to amend the APMC Act as suited to them.

The State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Himchal Pradesh, Punjab, Sikkim, Nagaland, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh,. Orissa, Chandigarh, Arunachal Pradesh and Maharashtra have made amendments on the major areas of reforms suggested in the Model Law and Haryana, Karnataka, National Capital Territory of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat made partial reforms. In the State of Tamil Nadu, APMC Act already provides

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for reforms. The Government of Bihar has repealed the APMC Act. The States and UT of Kerala, Manipur, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and Lakshadweep have no APMC Act and hence not requiring reforms.

New Cancer Medicine

†1281. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the researchers of the Alberta University of Canada have recently invented a Medicine called Dycloroacitate (DCH), which has a magic property to cure cancer;

(b) whether the manufacturer of this medicine has no patent rights on this medicine; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) According to ICMR, the information available on the Website of University of Alberta, the Investigators of the University have mentioned that the drug Dichloracetate appears to suppress the growth of cancer cell without affecting normal cell suggesting that it may not have the side effects of Chemotherapy. However, Alberta Cancer Board and Capital Health of the University do not advice the use of drug on human being for treatment of cancer as the same has not been subjected to clinical trial on human beings.

Healthcare infrastructure

1282. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to go in for public-private model for healthcare infrastructure;

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